

8TH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST 2011

ALL INCOMING 8TH GRADERS MUST READ ***DOWN RIVER*** by Will Hobbs

**Complete the following assignment:**

**LIST EACH CHARACTER - BESIDE EACH NAME DESCRIBE THE CHARACTER AND THE REASON THAT EACH CHARACTER IS RESIDING AT THE CAMP. WHAT IS EACH CHARACTER'S MAIN PROBLEM?**

**THERE ARE 8 CHARACTERS. BE SPECIFIC, USE EXAMPLES FROM THE TEXT TO SUPPORT YOUR CHARACTER TRAITS. DEFEND YOUR REASON FOR THEIR MAIN PROBLEM.**

ALL INCOMING 8TH GRADERS WHO ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE GIFTED/TALENTED CLASSES:

Read the holocaust novel ***THE BOY WHO DARED***, by Susan Campbell Bartoletti or ***I AM DAVID*** by Ann Holm.

**Keep a journal of your feelings and responses to what you are reading as you read. This can be a double journal entry -- The book said ..... I felt .....**

**All summer reading assignments are due the first week of school.**

**NOTE:** *DOWNRIVER* novels may be checked out from a language arts teacher before summer break, or from the front office during summer break.

The holocaust novel is not available for check out from Raa, but can be found at the books stores or the public library.

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

**YOUR CHILD MAY CHOOSE A DIFFERENT NOVEL - BUT IT MUST BE A YOUNG ADULT COMING OF AGE NOVEL.**

**GIFTED AND TALENTED MAY READ ANY HOLOCAUST NOVEL OF CHOICE.**

**THE TITLES GIVEN ARE SUGGESTED.**

Suggested Books for 8th Grade Summer Reading

1. The Witch of Blackbird Pond
2. The Outsiders
3. A Wrinkle in Time
4. My Brother Sam is Dead
5. The Giver
6. Johnny Tremain
7. Number the Stars
8. The Call of the Wild
9. Star Girl
10. Define Normal
11. Under a War Torn Sky
12. The Glory Field

13. Zach's Lie
14. Jack's Run
15. Anne Frank Remembered
16. The Pigman
17. The Slave Dancer
18. Dogsong